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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 25th/January, through Sunday, 1st/February there were 221 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B6, 3B8, 3DA, 3V, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1U, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5V, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FR, FT5W, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J5, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/m, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, S2, S5, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T5, T7, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TN, TR, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP2V, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP8/g, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, XW, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZK2, ZL, ZP, ZS, ZS8

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

3B7, ST. BRANDON ISLAND (Update)

Ron, K5XK, updates OPDX that Rachid, 3B8FQ, has license in-hand, and expects to activate St. Brandon Island (**AF-015**) for almost two weeks between Friday, January 30th and Thursday,

February 12th. The callsign will be 3B7FQ. This will primarily be a working trip for maintenance on the meteorological station on St. Brandon, with on-air operations as time allows. Rachid expects that the 30/20/17 meter bands to be the most productive but will try all bands, 80-10 meters. Rachid will use CW and SSB. On CW, look for Rachid near the bottom of the band, "on the 8's" such as 10108, 14008, and 18078 kHz. He will be using only 100 watts and a G5RV antenna. He also plans to be active later in the year as 3B9FQ (from Rodriguez Island) while on holiday in July. QSL 3B7FQ, 3B8FQ, 3B6FQ and 3B9FQ via K5XK per instructions on **(QRZ.com)**.

5H, TANZANIA (IOTA Op)

Just a reminder that Sigi/DL7DF and his XYL Sabine will be on holiday in Zanzibar (**AF-032**), February 3-13th. Look for Sigi to sign 5H1DF and be active on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and SSTV as often as possible. His equipment consists of a trans- ceiver, a linear TY900, a 18m Lowband Vertical, a Vertical R7, as well as a laptop computer. QSL via DL7DF, by the German QSL Bureau (DARC) or direct to: Sigi Presch, Wilhelmsmuehlenweg 123, D-12621 Berlin, Germany. For updates and more details, visit:

http://www.dl7df.com/5h/index.htmlhttp://www.dl7df.com/5h/index.html

ANTARCTIC ACTIVITY WEEK NEWS

PLEASE REMEMBER - Stations that are active and signing "/ANT" may NOT be in the Antarctic!

Just a reminder that the Worldwide Antarctic Program's (WAP) 6th Antarctic Activity Week (AAW) will take place between 0000z, February 16th and 2400z, February 22nd. For details, see:

http://www.waponline.it

This year's WAP AAW event is in collaboration with Italian Air Force, the National Antarctic Museum (MNA-Genova) and the Italian Ham Radio Association: ARI Mondovi, ARI-Genova and ARI Massa-Carrara. The AAW is an unique world-wide event where Hams are "celebrating and working to improve Worldwide interest around the Antarctic Continent and its related matters, to understand and share what the Nations and Organizations are doing to study and protect this still non contaminated corner of the world and share from there, a message of peace." Gianni, I1HYW, states (edited),

> "A number of operators (see list below) will be activating radio stations from at least 13 countries world-wide. The aim of AAW (also next March 1st, will see the end of the International Polar Year), is precisely that of gathering international scientific activities and the Ham's AAW, with particular reference to logistic and weather-related aspects, developed jointly with the major world-wide scientific organ- izations and international scientific community in a climate of mutual practical data sharing, with respect of the economic forces and logistic elements vital to the continuation of scientific research in a corner of the world which harbors the very secret of our existence."

The AAW is celebrated every year during the last week of February, and it also coincides with Argentine's celebration of their Antarctica Day (see http://www.marambio.aq) on February

22nd. As of print time, the following stations are expected to be active during the AAW event:

WAP-002	IR1ANT	via	I1HYW	WAP-128	DA0ANT	via	DC2SF
WAP-025	II5ANT	via	IZ5BTC	WAP-130	IR2WAP	via	IK2FIQ
WAP-030	II2ANT	via	I2JJR	WAP-148	VA3AAO	via	VE3XN
WAP-030	II2ANT/6	via	I2JJR	WAP-151	S50IPY	via	S51RU
WAP-044	IU8ANT	via	I8QJU	WAP-153	5D0IPY	via	I0YKN
WAP-052	IU2ANT	via	IK2QPR	WAP-154	TM8ICE	via	F8DVD
WAP-070	VA7AAW	via	VE7IG	WAP-156	DR09ANT	via	DL5MHQ
WAP-072	GB0ANT	via	M3ZYZ	WAP-157	IP9IPY	via	IT9YMM
WAP-073	K4A	via	K6EID	WAP-159	IR1WAP	via	IZ1GJK
WAP-081	HE8ICE	via	HB9BHY	WAP-160	II5AM	via	IK2IWU
WAP-085	OE3WWB/AAW	via	OE3WWB	WAP-161	IY8WAP	via	IK8WEJ
WAP-086	OE3RPB/AAW	via	OE3RPB	WAP-162	UT1KY/WAP	via	UT1KY
WAP-088	OE3KKA/AAW	via	OE3KKA	WAP-163	UT7UA/WAP	via	UT7UA
WAP-089	OE3AIS/AAW	via	OE3AIS	WAP-164	UR5KGG/WAP	via	UR5KGG
WAP-090	OE3SGA/AAW	via	OE3SGA	WAP-165	UR8LV/WAP	via	UR8LV
WAP-091	N5T/ANT	via	W5BOS	WAP-166	UR5KCC/WAP	via	UR5KCC
WAP-094	IA0IPY	via	I0YKN	WAP-167	UR2XO/WAP	via	UR2XO
WAP-098	GB4IPY	via	M3ZYZ	WAP-168	LZ06ANT	via	LZ3SM
WAP-109	VA2WAP	via	VE2LHP	WAP-169	LZ09IPY	via	LZ3SM
WAP-111	VA3WAP	via	VA3NQ	WAP-170	UE6ICE	via	UE6GG
WAP-125	OE3HM/AAW	via	OE3HM	WAP-171	EG2ANT	via	EA2RC
WAP-126	OE3AGA/AAW	via	OE3AGA				

For an updated list, please visit the WAP Web page at:
http://www.waponline.it/Default.aspx?tabid=113

* Phil, K6EID, from Marietta, Georgia, informs OPDX that he will be signing K4A for the AAW. He wants to remind everyone that in the past many of the AAW operators append "/ANT" to their callsign for AAW. He has refused to do that because Russian hams have used "/ANT" while they were in Antarctica, and he doesn't want to mislead anyone. It is possible that many of the newbie hams can be fooled by this, thinking they are working Antarctica. So, please remember that during the AAW there will be a lots of stations with zany callsigns operating, and some will inevitably append "/ANT." They are not in the Antarctica, they are in the home country indicated by the prefix. There are no current Antarctic stations signing "/ANT". Most of these special event station callsigns will issue a special QSL, but they are not the Antarctica!

C2, NAURU

Dani, EA4ATI, who is now active as 9M2TI from Malaysia, informs OPDX that he is preparing for a DXpedition (with a team of operators) to activate Nauru in the Pacific sometime in May. The callsign will be C21TI. Travelling through Australia to get to Nauru, tentative dates will be either from May 3-17th (after the cyclone season) or May 16-30th. Dani states, "I am preparing the logistics with a friend from Nauru that I met in Malaysia during a ITU workshop last November, but we will probably stay in the Od'N Aiwo Hotel." This is the same location that previous DXpeditions to Nauru have used (such as C21BH, C21SX, C21XF, etc). The composition of the team is not finished yet, but Dani is looking for CW, SSB and RTTY operators. Ruben, C21RK, was mentioned as part of the team. Activity will be on all HF bands including 60m and 6m. The suggested frequencies mentioned (as of now) are:

CW - 1825.5, 3505, 7005, 10110, 14025, 18075, 21025, 24895 and 28025

SSB - 1825.5, 3799, 5371.5, 7065, 14195, 18145, 21295, 24945 and 28495 kHz
6m - 50.115 MHz (CW/SSB)

They currently have two transceivers with HF amplifiers and will use a yagi beam antenna for 20/15/10 meters and several dipole antennas (ed. they are looking for additional antennas). Dani mentions that they will have a satphone for data connection. QSL will be via EA4ATI. A Web page has been created for the DXpedition (still not finished) at:

http://c21ti.madrono.net/index.php?newlang=3Denglish

A study of propagation with a proposed band plan for the DXpedition will be posted on their Web page. This study will be done by the Technical University of Malaysia. They have not yet estimated a QSO target, but it will not be less than 20,000. The estimated budget for their DXpedition is 14,500 USDs and the team is looking for funding as well as more operators. If interested in helping, see details on the Web page. ADDED NOTE: You may know Dani, EA4ATI/9M2TI, from the following operations: XT2ATI, XT2TI, HP2PL, Z39A, 6W1EA, 6W1/EA4ATI, HP1/EA4ATI, HI5/EA4ATI, HI3CCP, HI3C, 3XY9B, etc.....

C6, BAHAMAS

Operators Bob/N4BP (C6AKQ) and Kevin/K4PG (C6APG) will once again be active between February 18-22nd. Look for them to be active on 30/17/12 meter bands between antenna jobs. Bob and Kevin currently plan on operating 160 meters and either 40 or 80 meters in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd). Kevin states, "There is no third person with us this year. Not too late! Please look for us; we need the work! Thanks." QSL to their home callsigns, direct or by the Bureau.

C6, BAHAMAS

Operators Mark/NA6M, Renee/N5RNA, Craig/W5TSN, Scott/K2CK and Pete/K9OWQ will be active as C6AMS from New Providence (Nassau, **NA-001**, WLOTA LH-1115), June 1-14th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via NA6M, direct only. Updates and more information can be found at:

http://www.c6ams.com

EA8, CANARY ISLANDS

Simon, M0VKY, will be active as EA8/homecall from Lanzarote Island (**AF-004**, DIE S-007, WLOTA LH-0099) between March 31st and April 5th. Activity will be on 40/20/15 meters using a FT-857D and 1/2 wave dipoles. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the bureau.

ES, ESTONIA

Operators Juri/ES5GP, Toomas/ES5RY and Vilnis/YL2KF will be active as ES5Q during the CQWW WPX RTTY Contest (February 14-15th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via ES5RY.

FP, ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON (NA-032)

Operators Paul/K9OT and Peg/KB9LIE plan on operating from Miquelon Island as FP/homecalls, July 10-18th. They will also participate in the IARU HF World Championship Contest (July 12-13th). Activity outside of the contest will be on 160-6 meters using CW and SSB. Paul/K9OT prefers CW on 30 meters and down, while Peg/KB9LIE likes SSB, especially on 17, 20 and 40 meters. Location will be Room 5 at Motel de Miquelon (formerly Maxotel).

QSL direct with return postage; bureau and LoTW okay. No eQSL. Their Web site is at:

http://hamradio.pnpfarms.com

FT5W, CROZET ISLAND (Update)

Reports indicate that Florentin, F4DYW, was heard as FT5WO this past Sunday, on 14222 kHz between 1445-1640z. Signal reports were very weak. Remember, he will stay there until the end of November 2009, and will return back home in early 2010. QSL via F4DYW, direct or by the bureau after he returns back home. Look for updates on:

http://f4dyw.free.fr/index.php?langue=fr&contenu=ft5wo.html

FT5W & FT5X, CROZET AND KERGUELEN ISLANDS

Gildas, TU5KG, is once again sailing in the Southern Indian Ocean on a fishing boat. As he sails around the Crozet region between now and March 7th, there is a possibility that he may land on Crozet and operate as FT5WP. Also, beware that Gildas is expected to sail around the Kerguelen region between March 10th and April 15th. Again, he may be active from Port aux Francais possibly on March 7th. A stop on Kerguelen at the beginning of March is necessary before the return trip. PLEASE pay attention to his callsign. He may be signing as maritime mobile "/mm". QSL via F4EFI, by the REF Bureau 29 or direct.

FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA ISLANDS (Update)

Eli, HA9RE, and a team of operators are now active from Wallis Island as FW5RE until about the end of February. Activity will be on 160-10 meters, including 30/17/12 meters, using CW, SSB and RTTY. Two stations will be on the air. The group has been very active on the lower bands. QSL Manager is HA8IB. A Web page is up and running now with updates, pictures and a log search at:

http://www.ha0du.com/index.php

GD8/GT4/GT6, ISLE OF MAN

Members of Barry Amateur Radio Society (BARS) from South Wales will be going on a expedition to the Isle of Man from Saturday, March 28th to Saturday, April 4th. The team will consist of Glyn/GW0ANA, Curtis/MW0USK, Franz/DJ9ZB, Jan/DJ8NK, Thomas/DJ6OI, Alois/ DL8RBL and Yasu (a JA DX operator), Lois/MW3LOI (YL) and their wives & partners. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. The 6 meter band will be monitored for openings. The callsign to be used during the CQ WPX SSB Contest (March 28-29th) will be GD8K. The callsign OUTSIDE of contest will be GT4BRS (Please note the GT prefix is special callsign for the Isle of Man. GW0ANA states, "Remember TT Races on IOM".) The callsign for the DATA Modes (RTTY, PSK31) will be GT6BRS. All QSL cards are via the QSL Manager GW0ANA, by the Bureau or direct. For direct cards only use one IRC or 2 USDs.

H40, TEMOTU PROVINCE

Operators Siegfried/DK9FN, Bernhard/DL2GAC/H44MS and Herrmann/DL2NUD will be active (possibly as H40FN, H40MS and H40??) between March 2-16th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters and 2m EME. Look for Siegfried/DK9FN to operate only CW, Bernhard/DL2GAC on SSB and Herrmann/DL2NUD on 2m EME. QSL Manager for H40FN is

via HA8FW (Siegfried states that all QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the MRASZ QSL Bureau by QSL card when he returns home). QSL the other callsigns via their home callsign. For more info, pictures of DK9FN's last operation from Temotu and possibly updates, visit DK9FN's Web page at:

http://hari-ham.com/h40fn

H81, PANAMA (Lighthouse Activity)

Members of the Radio Club of Panama (HP1RCP) and Panama Canal Amateur Radio Association (PCARA) will be activating Miraflores Lock's Lighthouse (PAN-030) in the Panama Canal using the special callsign H81L between February 14-15th. Activity will be on all bands and modes. QSL via HP1RCP. Visit the following Web page to see a picture of the lighthouse at:

http://www.geocities.com/canallights2000/miraflorespics.html

HC, ECUADOR

Dr. Rick, NE8Z, tells OPDX that he will once again be heading south to Ecuador and plans to be active with the following callsigns from various locations as follows:
HC1MD/HC4 - February 20-27th; QTHs: Same & Tonsupa, Esmeraldas Province (Pacific beach homes)
HC1MD - February 28th-March 8th; QTH: Tumbaco, Pichincha Province
Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via K8LJG: John Kroll, 3528 Craig Drive, Flint, MI 48506 USA. Rick suggests to view the the HC/Ecuador and HC8/Galapagos DX-Diplomas on the following Web page at:

http://webpages.charter.net/ne8z

HI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Operators Edwin/HI3K, Tino/HI3CCP and Andy/VE9DX will be active in the ARRL DX SSB Contest as HI3K (March 7-8th) from Lomas del Toro in Santiago (Lomadeltoro Contest Team's HI3CCP station):

http://www.lomadeltoro.com

IOTA NEWS

AF-019. (REAL EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT) Operator Luigi, IK8HCG, will be active as IG9R from **Lampedusa Island**, African Italy, during the next CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th). QSL via IK8HCG.[**AS-115**. Rene, DL2JRM, will be active as TA0/DL2JRM/p from **Kekova Island**, Turkey, February 23-25th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters CW. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the bureau.

EU-029. Ben, DO1BEN, will be active as OZ/homecall from **Lolland Island** (DIA SJ-015), April 9-17th. Activity will be on all HF bands using SSB and sometimes digital modes. Location is 5 meters from the Baltic Sea. QSL via his home callsign, by the bureau or direct.

EU-146. Rene, DL2JRM, will be active as PA/DL2JRM/p from **Schouwen Duiveland**, February 14-15th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters CW. QSL via his home callsign, direct or

by the bureau.

NA-102. Iiario, IV3CGJ, will be active as FB/IV3CGJ/p from **Marie Galante Island** (DIFO FG-008, WLOTA LH-4241), Guadeloupe, February 13-24th. Activity will be holiday-style on 80-10 meters. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the bureau.

J7, DOMINICA

John, K3TEJ, will active from here between February 11-27th. Activity will be on CW and RTTY with a focus on 160/30/17/12 meters. He will also be in the CQWW WPX RTTY Contest (February 14-15th) and the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd) as Single-Op/All-Band entries signing J7N for both contests. QSL via K3TEJ.

JD1/M, MINAMI TORISHIMA (OC-073)

Operators Masa/JA6GXK (JD1BMM) and Kingo/JK1PCN (JD1BND) are now active until February 9th. Activity will be limited because they are on a business trip to the island, so they will be active during their little spare time. Over the past week Masa was on 160/80/40 meters. QSL JD1BMM by the JARL Bureau or direct to: Masafumi Ishihara, 2-305 Loran, 2-5-35 Miyazaki, Chuo-ku, Chiba, 260-0806 Japan). QSL JD1BND by the bureau to JD1BND.

KH4, MIDWAY ISLAND (Amateur Radio Operations to Begin Again)

The ARRL Web page reports, "The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) announced on Monday, January 26th, that they would once again allow Amateur Radio operators the opportunity to operate from Midway Atoll. This is the first time that USFWS has allowed amateurs to operate from the wildlife refuge since 2002. The USFWS started a program earlier this month to encourage visitors to experience Midway's wildlife, history and culture, as well as non-wildlife-dependent activities -- including Amateur Radio. To ensure the safety of the wildlife on the Refuge, the USFWS said that Amateur Radio operations will be permitted for two weeks only, from October 5-19th, 2009.

'Radio operation will be allowed only within a designated area on the north side of Sand Island and the use of portable generators will not be permitted,'
said Midway Atoll Refuge Manager Matt D. Brown.

'There is 120 V power available at the operation site. Any modifications to the island power grid/infrastructure must be approved in advance and be paid for entirely by the radio operators.'

All participants will be required to attend a refuge orientation shortly after arrival that is designed to enhance visitor safety, wildlife protection and overall enjoyment of the wildlife refuge." To read the complete press release, go to:

http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2009/01/27/10596/

NAQCC PRESS RELEASE (Preserve and Encourage CW Activity in 2009!!)

New Years 2009 may have come and gone, but it's never too late to resolve to help preserve and encourage CW activity across our amateur bands. To celebrate the new year, come and join the NAQCC (North American QRP CW Club), a club for any and ALL CW enthusiasts around the world.

Our members include "Big Gun" contesters, hard-core QRPers, experimenters, ragchewers and SWLers; young and old alike. As different as we may be, we all share one thing in common, and that is our love for CW.

We welcome all who want to help support CW and have at least some interest in using QRP from time-to-time. Our club runs monthly sprints and challenges. Plus we sponsor some additional special on-air activities during the year.

Membership is FREE and once you join you're automatically a lifetime member! So sign up today and help us keep CW alive and well.

Visit our web site at http://www.usatek.net/~yoel/.
You'll find info on all of our various activities plus an online membership application.

We look forward to your support and hope to soon see your call added to our membership roster.... 73, Paul/KD2MX, NAQCC Membership Recruiter

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On behalf of:  Tom, WY3H  - NAQCC President
               John, K3WWP - NAQCC Vice President
              Larry, W2LJ  - NAQCC Asst. Publicity Director
               Dave, VA3RJ/VE3JDR - NAQCC Publicity Officer
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PJ2, NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

Jan, PA4JJ, informs OPDX that he will be on a short holiday trip to the Island of Curacao (**SA-006**, WLOTA LH-0942) and will be active as PJ2/PA4JJ. He will leave Amsterdam on March 30th and expects to be on the island until April 11th. Jan states that he will be the only ham in a party of 4, so he will try to be active as much as he can. Activity will be on all ham bands with a focus on 30/17/12 meters and the DIGI modes (RTTY and/or PSK31). QSL cards are direct to PA4JJ. If Jan has access to the Internet, he will provide an online log on his Web site (or as soon as possible after his return home) at:

http://www.pa4jj.nl/html/pj2_pa4jj.html

PJ2, NETHERLANDS ANTILLES (Update - Referendum on Curacao)

Hans Timmerman, PB2T, President of the European DX Foundation (EUDXF), reported on the EUDXF Web page on Friday, January 30th:

> "Where I had the impression that Curacao had a clear position on its future political status it appears that another referendum will be necessary to decide on the future of this island. On Curacao a committee has been installed that will lead a referendum that addresses the planned political change. On February 2nd, 2009, at the latest, this committee will propose the date for the referendum and it will propose the exact question for the referendum. A final decision will be taken by the local government of the island. In the meantime the chairman of the committee stepped down because he appeared to be too controversial. To be continued...."

QSL INFO AND NEWS

LOTW REACHES 200 MILLION QSOS! "The ARRL Letter" reports that on January 16th, the "Logbook of The World" (LoTW) hit the 200 million mark during the upload of four years'

worth of logs (about 25k QSOs), by Vic Kean Jr., K1LT, of Carroll, Ohio. To celebrate Kean's submission of the 200 millionth QSO, the ARRL has awarded him lifetime free LoTW credits and free ARRL Awards as he qualifies for them. Read the complete press release at:

http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2009/01/22/10576/?nc=1

LOGBOOK OF THE WORLD NOW EASIER THAN Ever! Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL Awards Manager, reports: "In order to better accommodate new users as well as existing account holders, ARRL's Logbook of The World (LoTW) has been updated. According to ARRL Membership and Volunteer Programs Assistant Manager Norm Fusaro, W3IZ, these improvements were made based on tracking Manager LoTW help questions and listening to users. 'Through the efforts of Membership and Volunteer Services Dave Patton and Information Technology Manager Jon Bloom, we have also added an automated results table on the LoTW Users Home Page that lists members in numeric order who have achieved the Triple Play Award,' said ARRL Chief Operating Officer Harold Kramer, WJ1B. 'IT personnel have also fixed a number of long standing issues with Logbook in recent weeks, and some additional enhancements are underway.'

Some things that have been added:
* An LoTW User's Corner that includes quick links to log onto your account, save or renew a certificate and ways to address PC failure.

* The GET STARTED section **http://www.arrl.org/lotw/start.html** has been simplified with links for each of the four steps in the certificate process.

* LoTW instructions are now available in nine languages: English, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Russian, Slovenian and Spanish. Options to select a language have always been available, but they have now been moved up front to the GET STARTED page. The languages are identified with icons of flags to represent each language.

* The GET STARTED pdf file has been updated to include new screenshots and refinement of some of the processes.

* The software download section now consists of only three icons representing the three operating systems for which software is available: Windows, Mac and Linux. The user simply selects their operating system and they are redirected to the download specific to their system.

* A new link has been added for QSL Manager, Club Calls and DX- peditions. This link gives details on establishing an account for these special operations and includes a section for 1×1 call signs.

* A new PowerPoint overview is available from the LoTW site. This presentation has also been added to our multimedia library.

http://arrl.org/multimedia

The program is an overview of LoTW and what users can expect from the service. There are screenshots of LoTW pages, as well as a condensed version of the certificate and award application process.

With more than 200 million QSOs submitted, ARRL's Logbook of The World system is a

repository of log records submitted by users from around the world. When both participants in a QSO submit matching QSO records to LoTW, the result is a QSL that can be used for ARRL award credit. Yaesu is the principal sponsor of the LoTW Web site."

NOT THE QSL MANAGER. Alfredo, IK7JWX, reports that he is NOT the QSL Manager for ZA1KP. QSL ZA1KP only direct to: Miftar Fana, Klub Partizani, P.O.BOX 1439, TIRANA, Albania.

QSL MANAGER NEEDED. Omar, 4L5O, from Tbilisi, informs OPDX that he is looking for or is in need of a QSL Manager in the USA. If interested in being his QSL Manager, please contact him at:

4L@caucasus.net -or- OMARI@rustavi2.com

QSLS VIA LOTW: 6Y5/WD3Q, 9L1/WD3Q, J20BY, WD3Q/HI3, OX3DB, OY3JE and VK9DWX

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3X5A, 5N/LZ1QK, 6V7M, 6W/DL4JS, 7X5VRK, 9M6NA, 9V1F1, A5100A, A92GR, D44CF, ER4DX, EA6SX, EL2DX, F5PFP, GM4YXI, H44MY, HC1HC, HC1JQ, HK3JJH/HK0B, OJ9JD, TT8JT, TY5MR, V26B, V51AS, VE1AI/1, VR2PX, VU7NRO, XV4BX and ZP6/IK1PMR

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 4J0DX, 6W1RY, 7S2E, 8Q7BR, 9G5UR, 9X0R, C98RF, CE0Y/OE2SNL, CN2AW, CS6V, CU8F, DF0CG, E4/OM2DX, EJ0GI, ER1DA, ER3GS, F5GPE, F5JUS, FS/DL5CF, HA5DE, HG100WTE, HP1XX, IK0ZSQ, IR6T, IU0IPY, LZ129LO, MJ/F4EGD, OA4BHY/3, OA4WW, OH0/SP7VC, OK1DED, PA3FYG, PC07XMAS, PD08HNY, R245GS, R450KB, RD3ABN, RK1B/P, RK3QWW, RZ3DC, SN0AXL, T70A, TO1T, TO5FJ, TO5J, UA1ARD, UA3QAM, V26MH, YU8/HB4FG and ZA1MH

SILENT KEY

It was reported by Ben, PA5BW, that Solofo Randrenjason, 5R8ET, became a "Silent Key" (SK) unexpectedly in the hospital on January 19th, "during a more or less routine surgery". Ben states, "Solofo was my colleague and later even my 'second man' at the Radio Netherlands shortwave station in Talata Volonondry in Madagascar, where I worked there back in 1993-1995. Together we started the Madagascar Amateur Radio Association in 1995. His keen interest in radio and shortwave lead to his amateur radio license in 1994, using a simple transceiver borrowed from visiting Japanese hams and a homebrew dipole antenna.

Solofo was the first local ham to obtain an amateur radio license. All licensees before that were foreigners that traded in their foreign calls for a local ham radio permit. Several other local hams were to follow him which led to the first ever 5R8 Ham Dinner in Antananarivo in 1995, counting nine (!) 5R8 hams on 10 square meters. The highest 5R8- concentration ever. I remember Solofo as a very friendly and kind man, a real friend (and a very loyal one) and a committed amateur radio DXer. For me it is very hard to understand that I will never meet him again. The world will be a little bit colder without him. Our hearts go out to those that are left behind: his family, his colleagues at the radio station, his fellow radio amateurs."

TOP BAND DINNER ANNOUNCEMENT

Steve, WB6RSE, reports: "Registration for the Top Band Dinner at the 2009 Visalia International DX Convention is now open. First come, first served." The dinner will be held Friday, April 17th, at the Holiday Inn Visalia - Birch Room (6:30 PM No-host Bar, 7:15 PM BBQ Buffet Dinner). The program will be "Top Band from KP5, Desecheo, February 2009" by Glenn Johnson, W0GJ, Co-leader, Desecheo DXpedition. Door Prizes! Thanks to these fine organizations for their generous donations: ARRL, NCDXF, Idiom Press, CQ, QRZ-DX, Yaesu, Water- proof Log Books, The Daily DX, Photoqsls.com .... AND ..... from Array Solutions - their new Beverage transformer system:

http://www.arraysolutions.com/Products/singlewirebeverage.htm#top%20of%20page

Dinner will be "Miner 49er BBQ Buffet" (COST IS 36 USDs/per person - includes, all taxes, gratuity, and room charges AND Door Prize eligibil- ity). TO REGISTER: Send an E-mail to Steve, WB6RSE, to check on availa- bility and indicate the number of registrations you want. Send an E-mail to: **wb6rse1@mac.com**
You will receive a return E-mail with additional information and registra- tion details. Last year's event was a sellout. Advanced registration is absolutely required. Registration at the door will be very limited IF any! REGISTER EARLY!

TOP TEN MOST WANTED

Jean-Michel, F6AJA, informs OPDX that the Les Nouvelles DX Web page has an interesting listing of the QSL cards of past operations from the entities mentioned in "The DX Magazine's" -- "2008 MOST WANTED SURVEY". QSL cards of the "Top Ten Most Wanted" can be viewed at:

http://www.lesnouvellesdx.fr/galerie/galerie.php?page=listtopten

You will find more than 300 cards for the "Top Ten" entities for the last 5 years (2004 to 2008). If you don't speak French, you can use the automatic translator (see on the left side of the page).

V3, BELIZE

The "two contests in two weeks team" is at it again. As part of their "Adventure Before Dementia" program they are returning to Belize, this time with two other operators to help share the insanity. Phil Yasson, AB7RW/V31RW, and his XYL Barbara, AC7UH/V31UH, will join Rick, KT7G/V31TB, and Jake, N7WO/V31WO. The group will be active from February 10th to 24th. During the CQWW WPX RTTY Contest (February 14-15th) they will use V31TB (QSL via KT7G) and for the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd) they will use V31WO (QSL via N7WO). Outside the contests, QSL via the operator's instructions. Activity is planned for 160-15 meters including WARC bands.

VK9C, COCOS-KEELING ISLAND (OC-003)

Bernd, VK2IA, will once again be active as VK9AA between March 14-27th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via DL8YR **(QRZ.com)**.

YN2/H7, NICARAGUA

Andrei, NP3D, will be active as H7/NP3D and YN2/EW1AR between February 11-15th. Activity will include the CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest (February 14-15th) and he will sign YN2S for the contest. QSL direct to NP3D. QSLs are also "OK" via W3HNK and RW6HS.

YN, NICARAGUA

Eric, K9GY, will be active possibly as YN2/K9GY from Octavio's, YN2N, QTH in Grenada, during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 30-31st) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the bureau.

YW0, AVES ISLAND (Update)

The 4M5DX Group will once again activate Aves Island (**NA-020**) in March for one week. A team of more than 15 operators (team almost complete) will be active on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. The logistic support is ready (transportation will be made by the Venezuelan Navy. QSL via IT9DAA, either direct, by the bureau or LoTW. The QSL Manager is authorized to receive any donation. For updates, visit the DXpedition's Web page at: http://yw0a.4m5dx.info

ZL7, CHATHAM ISLANDS (Update)

Lee ZL2AL, informs OPDX that a team of 9 operators will be activating Chatham Island as ZL7T during March from the fabulous Chatham Fishing Lodge in the fishing village of Kaiangaroa on the far Northeastern tip of the island. The operators are: Lee/ZL2AL, Morrie/ZL2AAA, Lee/ZL2LE, John/ZL1BYZ, Mike/ZL2CC, Phil/ZL2RVW, Mark/ZL3AB, Wayne/ZL2WG and John/ZL1ALZ. The pilot station will be Duncan/ZL3JT. The four station setup will operate 160-10 meters, using CW, SSB, RTTY and the PSK modes. Operations will be on between March 6-11th. Donations would be appreciated. The ZL7T Web site is available at:

http://www.zl7t.com

A logsearch will be available on the team's return. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW within 6 months. QSL via ZL2AL, by the Bureau or direct (CBA or **(QRZ.com)**).

ZP6, PARAGUAY (Possibly CX)

Witek/SP9MRO and XYL Danuta/SP9SX will be here between February 21st and March 3rd. Activity will be holiday style (mainly on the weekends and local night hours) with operations on CW, SSB and RTTY using the callsign ZP6/SP9MRO. They also plan to go to Uruguay (CX) between March 4-14th.

ZS8, MARION ISLANDS

Very few QSN reports on Petrus, ZS8T, this past week. BEWARE OF PIRATE ACTIVITY! However, the very first portion of QSOs logged by Petrus (as of January 25th) are now available at:

http://zs8t.net/online-logsearch/

Also available are sound clips of Petrus on the Web page listed below. For updates and official announcements of the ZS8T operation, please visit the Web site at:

http://zs8t.net

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